women and children who are languishing in various jails in the country under TADA;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government for expeditious disposal of their cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The Central Government have been requesting the States/Union Territories to take all necessary action for expeditious disposal of TADA cases.

Home Minister's Discussions in the UK on International Terrorism

2517. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to London, he discussed with U.K. Government representatives the question of international terrorism and the ways and strategies to contain it; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) India and UK have signed an agreement concerning the investigation and prosecution of crime and tracing, restraint and confiscation of the proceeds and instruments of crime (including crimes involving currency transfers) and terrorists funds. During Home Minister's visit to London, he discussed matters regarding mutual interest with the representatives of UK Government.

Communal Riots

2518. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of incidents of communal riots that took place in the country from 1st August, 1994 to 31st January, 1995;

(b) the State-wise number of persons killed, rendered homeless and who became physically handicapped in these incidents; and

(c) the number of persons arrested in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) As Public Order is a State Subject under List-II, State List of the 7th Schedule of the Constitution, Central Government does not maintain information on communal incidents/riots. However, information relating to communal incidents/riots from August, 1994 to January 1995 has been received from all the States (except Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala) and all the Union Territory Administrations. Information furnished by them is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of communal incidents/ riots from 1.8.94 to 31.1.95	No. of persons killed	No. of persons rendered homeless	No. of persons became physically handicapped	No. of persons arrested
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13	Nil	Nil	Nil	54
2.	Bihar	10	13	NA	NA	NA
3.	Gujarat	5	1	Nil	Nil	46
4.	Karnataka	13	33	Nil	Nil	1469
5.	Madhya Pradesh	34	7	NA	45 (injured)	NA
6.	Tamil Nadu	1	1	Nil	Nil	6

N.A. = Not available

1. Arunachal Pradesh, 2. Assam, 3. Goa, 4. Haryana, 5. Himachal Pradesh, 6. Maharashtra, 7. Manipur, 8. Meghalaya, 9. Mizoram, 10. Nagaland, 11. Orissa, 12. Punjab, 13. Rajasthan 14. Sikkim, 15. Tripura, 16. Uttar Pradesh, 17. West Bengal and all the Union Territory Administrations have furnished nil information

Flushing out the Foreign Terrorists from J&K

2519. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Amnesty International has stated in its latest report that the militants in Kashmir have apparently been joined by several hundred Afghan and Arab Veterans of the Afghanistan war since 1992; and

(b) if so, the specific steps taken by Government to flush out these foreign mercenaries from Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Anti-terrorist operations are being pursued with added vigour and in a sustained manner. Security arrangements in vulnerable areas have been streamlined and augmented and Constant vigil is kept on the border to curb infiltration of militants from across the border/LOC.

Crimes against Women

2520. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against women and the girl child are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the break-up thereof during the last two years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that laxity in the provisions of the related laws is one of the reasons for the increase in crimes;

(d) if so, what deterrent steps are being contemplated in this regard; and

(e) when these are likely to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) A statement showing incidence of crimes against women during 1993 and 1994 is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) to (e) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes against women is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Government of India have initiated a number of measures to check such crimes. The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 was amended in 1984 and 1986 to make